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- 1. 0 Some months ago a fire broke out in the offices of the Albanian Labor Union and the Albanian Touth organization, as a result of which the offices were destroyed. This is thought to have been an act of sabotage on the part of the opponents of General Hoxha.
- 2. The Albanian Government, however, attributed this fire to carelessness. The Polithuro of the Central Committee of the Law Party of Albania (Communist Party) subsequently sent an inspector to investigate the branches of the Party at Eucove and Patoz (where there is also an oil field).
- After a long stay at the labor centers, the inspector from the Politburo submitted a report during the first half of March 1944. He emphasized the following conclusions which he had reached as a result of his investigations:
 - Individuals had been enrolled in the Party who did not have the necessary prerequisites for membership in the Communist Party.
 - Persons hostile to the Party have penetrated it.
 - The problems which engage the interest of the Part have not been adequately explained to its members.
 - Efforts have not been made to enroll new members in the Party.
 - Party discipline has not been maintained.
 - f. Peculations at the expense of the state have been committed by members of the Party.

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such conclusions are of grant importance, because Eucove and Patoz are the greatest labor centers of Albania, and because the watchfulness of the Party was especially maintained or those two centers.

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it was especially significant in reveating the caliber of the members of the Communist Party of Albara, that is, the 3.9 percent of the Albanian people on whom the prevaiing refime in Albania is based.

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confirmation of the above conclu-

- a. During January 1945 the production of gasoline at Kucove-Patoz reached only 65 percent of the total amount anticipated for the month of January.
- b. The production of oil at Patoz for the month of January reached only 50 percent of the emount enticipated for that month.
- c. The following persons have been replaced:
 - (1) Meto Bive. former Director of the Patoz oil field, a trusted member of the Party, charged with peculation.
 - (2) Thansa Glorel, trade union "responsible" for the two labor centers, trusted member of the Party, charged with incompetence.
 - (3) All Taerove, Secretary of the Communist Youth in the two centers, charged with incompetence as a Communist.
 - (4) Kenna Tacks. "responsible" of the Youth organization of Petoz.
- 5. The Polithure of the Contral Committee of the Labor Party of Albania hastily sent special "enlighteners" to the Labor centers of Patoz and Eucove.

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Comment: It is not clear whother the combined production for Kucove and Patoz together amounted to 65 persons of the goal, and the production of Patoz alone to only 50 percent of the anticipated production, or if production in a. should refer only to Kucove.